

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 7, 15, 22 and 23, as shown below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the
Application:

Claims 1-2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (withdrawn): A flat panel display device as claimed in claim 6, wherein said rounded region is positioned in a level lower than a surface level of said first region.

Claim 4 (withdrawn): A flat panel display device as claimed in claim 6, wherein said TCP further has a semiconductor driver element connecting region and said third region is constructed with a plurality of lead lines covered by a flexible insulating film thinner than an insulating film in the vicinity of said semiconductor driver element connecting region.

Claim 5 (withdrawn): A flat panel display device as claimed in claim 6, wherein said display panel is loosely fitted on said chassis such that a relative mechanical displacement of said display panel to said chassis is absorbed in said third region.

Claim 6 (withdrawn): A flat panel display device comprising:

a chassis;

a display panel put on a main surface of said chassis;

a circuit substrate held in a hook portion provided on a side surface of said chassis; and

a plurality of TCP's having one ends connected to said display panel and the other ends connected to said circuit substrate, each said TCP having a first region extending substantially in parallel to a main surface of said chassis, a second region extending substantially in parallel to said side surface of said chassis, a rounded region between said first region and said second

region and a third region provided in at least one of said first and second regions and extending in parallel to the extending direction of said rounded region, said third region having a higher flexibility than that of said at least one of said first and second regions, wherein said third region is provided in said second region between said circuit substrate and said rounded region.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A flat panel display device comprising:

a chassis;

a display panel put on a main surface of said chassis;

a circuit substrate held in a hook portion provided on a side surface of said chassis; and

a plurality of TCP's (Tape Carrier Packages), each having one ~~ends~~ end connected to said display panel and the other ~~ends~~ end connected to said circuit substrate, each of said TCP TCP's having a first region extending substantially in parallel to a main surface of said chassis, a second region extending substantially in parallel to said side surface of said chassis, a rounded region between said first region and said second region and a third region provided in at least one of said first and second regions ~~and extending in parallel to the extending direction of said rounded region~~, said third region having ~~[[.]]~~ a higher flexibility than that of said at least one of said first and second regions, wherein said third region is ~~provided in said first region~~ and connected to said rounded region.

Claim 8 (withdrawn): A flat panel display device as claimed in claim 6, wherein a distance between a center of said rounded region and a center of said third region provided in said first region is larger than a depth of said hook portion.

Claim 9 (withdrawn): A flat panel display device as claimed in claim 6, wherein said display panel is a liquid crystal panel, said TCP is constructed with a plurality of lead lines

covered by an insulating flexible film and said first and second regions of said TCP take in the form of slits extending in vertical directions to the extending direction of said TCP from said liquid crystal panel to said circuit substrate, respectively, said slits being constructed with the plurality of said lead lines covered by an insulating flexible coating member thinner than said insulating flexible film constituting said TCP.

Claim 10 (withdrawn): A flat panel display device as claimed in claim 6, wherein a plurality of said TCP's are connected to said circuit substrate and said circuit substrate is held by the plurality of said hook portions provided on said side surface of said chassis.

Claim 11 (withdrawn): A flat panel display device as claimed in claim 6, wherein said semiconductor driver elements provided in said TCP's are arranged on inner surface sides of said rounded regions of said TCP's such that said semiconductor driver elements are positioned in recesses provided in said circuit substrate.

Claim 12-14 (canceled)

Claim 15 (currently amended): A method for manufacturing a flat panel display device comprising the steps of:

holding a display panel having TCP's connected to a circuit substrate on a chassis;

pulling up said circuit substrate by bending each of said TCP TCP's at a ~~rounded portion~~ main slit portion and ~~an auxiliary~~ a sub slit portion provided as a wide common slit in each of said ~~TCP TCP's~~ such that a lower end of said circuit substrate exceeds a front edge of hook portion provided on said chassis; and

inserting said circuit substrate into said hook portion by returning said ~~auxiliary~~ sub slit portion to an original flat state, wherein said ~~auxiliary~~ sub slit portion is provided between said

~~rounded portion~~ main slit portion and said display panel and is connected to said ~~rounded~~
~~portion~~ main slit portion to form ~~[[a]]~~ said wide common slit and wherein a bending direction
of said common slit in the vicinity of said circuit substrate in the step of pulling up said circuit
substrate is opposite to a bending direction of said ~~rounded portion~~ main slit portion in the
vicinity of said display panel.

Claim 16 (previously presented): A method for manufacturing a flat panel display
device, as claimed in claim 15, wherein said display panel is loosely fitted on said chassis.

Claim 17 (previously presented): A flat panel display device as claimed in claim 7,
wherein said rounded region is positioned in a level lower than a surface level of said first
region.

Claim 18 (previously presented): A flat panel display device as claimed in claim 7,
wherein said TCP further has a semiconductor driver element connecting region and said third
region is constructed with a plurality of lead lines covered by a flexible insulating film thinner
than an insulating film in the vicinity of said semiconductor driver element connecting region.

Claim 19 (previously presented): A flat panel display device as claimed in claim 7,
wherein said display panel is loosely fitted on said chassis such that a relative mechanical
displacement of said display panel to said chassis is absorbed in said third region.

Claim 20 (previously presented): A flat panel display device as claimed in claim 7,
wherein a distance between a center of said rounded region and a center of said third region
provided in said first region is larger than a depth of said hook portion.

Claim 21 (previously presented): A flat panel display device as claimed in claim 7,
wherein said display panel is a liquid crystal panel, said TCP is constructed with a plurality of

lead lines covered by an insulating flexible film and said first and second regions of said TCP take in the form of slits extending in vertical directions to the extending direction of said TCP from said liquid crystal panel to said circuit substrate, respectively, said slits being constructed with the plurality of said lead lines covered by an insulating flexible coating member thinner than said insulating flexible film constituting said TCP.

Claim 22 (previously presented): A flat panel display device as claimed in claim 7, wherein a plurality of said TCP's are connected to said circuit substrate and said circuit substrate is held by the plurality of said hook portions provided on said side surface of said chassis.

Claim 23 (currently amended): A flat panel display device as claimed in claim 7, wherein ~~said~~ semiconductor driver elements provided in each of said TCP's are arranged on an inner surface ~~sides~~ side of said rounded ~~regions~~ region of each of said TCP's ~~such that said~~ semiconductor driver elements are positioned in recesses provided in said circuit substrate.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached two sheets of drawings include amendments to FIGS. 5B and 12B, respectively. These two sheets, which contain FIGS. 5A-5C and 12A-12C, respectively, replace the original sheets containing FIGS. 5A-5C and 12A-12C. Annotated marked copies of amended FIGS. 5B and 12B also are attached for the Examiner's convenience.

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